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March 2013

LENT AND EASTER AT LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lenten Sermon Series on THE LORD'S PRAYER

- March 3 – “Daily Bread”
- March 10 – “Thy Will Be Done”
- March 17 – “Debts, Trespasses, Sins”
- March 24 – “Deliver Us From Evil”
- March 31 – “The Add On”

Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service

A Service of Shadows
Thursday, March 28, 7:30 – 8:30 PM
The Story of the Passion and The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus

- Sunday, March 31
- 6:30 Sunrise Service – Frank Gasperini preaching
- 8:30 Worship
- 9:15 – 10:00 Deacons' Easter Breakfast!
- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 Worship

Mid-Week Lenten Reflection Group

Wednesday Mornings

10:00 – 11:15 am, Church Parlor
A Time of Centering Prayer and Reflection on The Lord's Prayer as daily guide for practicing our faith during Lent.

“Jesus and the Gospels”

Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 am, Church Parlor

The gospels raise puzzling questions about the figure of Jesus and about the religious movement, Christianity, that produced them. What accounts for the diversity of images? Is it possible to speak of a unique Jesus when accounts about him are so varied?

The most common approach to these questions is through history. The so-called “quest for the historical Jesus” asks who the human Jesus really was behind the different portraits. However, the historical question is impossible to answer satisfactorily. Historical statements fall short of providing a full or even meaningful grasp of Jesus' identity.

Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, the highly regarded New Testament professor at Emory University, leads us in this excellent video exploration.

- March 3: Gospel of Mark: Apocalyptic and Irony
- March 10 Gospel of Mark: Good News in Mystery
- March 17 Gospel of Mark: Teacher and Disciples
- March 24 Gospel of Mark: Passion and Death

Circles, Studies, and Fellowship Groups

Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.

Our lesson this month is *The Elders*, lesson six in your study book. Please read 1 Peter 5:1-11 and 2 John. Helen Taylor will lead this lesson. All women are invited to attend. We meet in the church library at 7:30 p.m. We would love to have YOU.

Circle One

Thursday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.

A time for informal study and conversation, circles are a great way to meet other women in the church. Circle One meets throughout the school year on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at LPC.

LPC Book Club

Friday, March 8, 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for our wonderful book discussions on second Fridays, 9:30 in the lounge. All are welcome. For more information contact Jennifer Marsh, 703-779-0042 or jmcleanmarsh@hotmail.com.

March: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin

April: *Anthem* by Ayn Rand

Moms Alive!

Tuesday, March 12 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Beginning in 2013, LPC's moms group, *Moms Alive!*, for mothers with children of all ages, will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. It will continue to be 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the church with childcare provided. Our mission is to provide a social and supportive atmosphere for mothers in a Christian setting through fellowship, education and outreach. If you have questions, you may contact Kim Vigil at k97vigil@yahoo.com.

Monday Morning Stitchers

Monday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.

We have a great group of ladies who stitch on the 3rd Monday of each month at the home of Jane Ashbaugh. Bring whatever project you are working on and stitch and visit with us. If you ever wanted to learn counted thread, canvas work (needlepoint) or cross stitch on linen, now is the time! Call if you have any questions. (703-779-0747)

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Join us Wednesday mornings for a time of learning and fellowship.

Bridge Group

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a lively session of cards and fellowship. New players welcome. Contact the office if you would like to play (703-777-4163).

4th Annual SWEET SOMETHING Dessert Silent Auction

Wow!! Due to fabulous bakers and "sweet-tooths" of LPC and generous bidders, nearly \$3,500 was raised for the Youth Summer Mission/Conference Trips! Thank you all for baking, bidding, and supporting our youth! A shout-out to Audrey Potter and Heidi Renner who served as co-leaders for this scrumptious event and to Florence O'Hey who baked 6 desserts -2 pecan pies, 1 cheese cake, 1 chocolate cake, 1 yellow cake, and cookies!



Deacons will be hosting an Easter Brunch at 9:15 a.m. on Easter morning. We'll provide the pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea.

Can you help round out this scrumptious feast by bringing a breakfast casserole, muffins or sweet rolls? Watch the bulletin for ways to sign up.

Thank you for helping to make this a wonderful celebration for our church family!

Welcome New Members!



Bud and Joan Elliott Bud is retired from work as a co-owner of an insurance company and in his other occupation as a college football referee. Currently he serves on the Board of Interfaith Relief where he served as president for 2 years. Joan is the past president of the Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital and is currently co-chair of the Twice is Nice Thrift Shop board. She has served as an elder in her previous church and involved in congregational care.

Jim & Ruby MacIntyre Jim grew up in Chester, PA and Ruby grew up in East Topsham, VT. They met as freshman at Westminster College when they sat side-by-side for compulsory chapel. They moved to the Leesburg area because their grown children all live in the area. They have two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Jim is a retired UCC Pastor and Military Chaplain and Ruby is a retired English and Latin teacher. They both grew up Presbyterian so when moving here they looked for a Presbyterian or a UCC church. They found the service and atmosphere they were looking for at LPC.



Scott & Claiborne Moore Claiborne grew up in Leesburg and Scott grew up in Florida. They met on a blind date arranged by mutual friends. Claiborne is an ophthalmologist and was practicing in Montgomery, AL when the opportunity to take over her father's practice upon his retirement came along, so they moved to Leesburg. Scott has a financial background and serves as Office Manager for the practice. They have a son, Crawford, who will be two years old in March. LPC is the church Claiborne grew up in and Pastor Debbie's sermons and welcoming atmosphere brought them back to LPC.

JB Sandefur JB moved from Winchester where he was a member of Opaquan Presbyterian Church to be closer to family and was introduced by to LPC by his daughter Ginger who is the music teacher at our church pre-school. JB is a regular volunteer at the Free Clinic and he also enjoys playing bridge.



Teresa Seldomridge Teresa grew up in Hinton, a town in southern WV. Teresa lives in Sterling. She teaches piano in her home and is a bookkeeper. She has a daughter, Carmen Garcia, who is 16 years old and is a junior at Potomac Falls H.S. She plays the violin and runs track. Teresa grew up Presbyterian and was a member of a church in Falls Church, but when she moved to Sterling, she wanted a church closer to home which brought her to LPC.

Amanda Vemuri Amanda was born in Atlanta, Georgia but spent most of her childhood in Herndon, VA. Her husband, Umesh, grew up in Melbourne, FL. Amanda and Umesh met through a mutual friend. They have two children, Nate and Jasmine. Nate is six years old and in first grade. He enjoys building with blocks, Legos, etc. and anything related to cars. Jasmine is three years old and goes to preschool here at Leesburg Presbyterian Preschool. She loves ballet, sports, and getting dressed up. They came to Leesburg in 2007 to buy their first single family home. Amanda discovered that she had quite a few friends in the congregation and was having trouble making it to church in Herndon where she was still a member at Trinity Presbyterian Church, so it made sense to start attending church closer to home. Amanda is currently a stay-at-home mom.



News from the Session

Current members of the Session are Stuart Brown, Chris Folk, Trish Fraker, Frank Gasperini, Tom Gurney, Randy Jackson, Keith Markel, Pam Poisson, Steve Potter, Holly Rhodes, Kathi Stone, and Doug Sweeney. Rev. Debbie Persons serves as Moderator and Jim Barnes serves as Clerk.

Among recent actions of the Session:

- Received into membership Albert “Bud” Elliott and Joan Elliott by Letter of Transfer from Catoctin Presbyterian Church, Waterford, Va.; J. B. Sandefur by Letter of Transfer from Opequon Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Va.; Teresa Seldomridge by Letter of Transfer from Idylwood Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, Va.; and Amanda Vemuri by Letter of Transfer from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon, Va.
- Received Jim and Ruby McIntyre as Affiliate Members;
- Approved a Church Information Form for LPC, which will be used in the process of searching for an Associate Pastor;
- Established a Re-Visioning Worship Task Force to take a “big picture” look at the use of music in worship services and make recommendations to the Session; and
- Amended the 2013 budget to allocate \$2,250 to fund extension of the current agreement with Eric Nanz to lead music during worship one Sunday a month through December 2013; and to allocate \$1,000 for youth programs.

The Session has recently offered commendations for the following people:

- Juli Barnes and the church school teachers for leading a vibrant, growing Christian Education program;
- Jeff and Trish Fraker for dedicating many hours to painting the interior of the church building;
- Audrey Potter and Heidi Renner for coordinating the silent auction to raise funds for youth mission trips, and all the great bakers – especially Florence O’Hey, for baking seven delicious items for the auction; and
- Wynne Rodgers and Cindy Hollister for their hard work coordinating the new pictorial directory.

Fishes and Loaves Offering

The First Sunday of each month, when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we are reminded of the many individuals and families who may not have enough food for supper. On those Sundays, we are asked to bring non-perishable food to be taken to Interfaith Relief. In January, seventy-six (76 lbs) were taken to Interfaith. In February one hundred and sixty-five (165 lbs) were taken to Interfaith! On Sunday, March 3, the baskets will be visible once more. Thank you for all your generosity

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Sunday March 31, our congregation will participate in the first of four PC(USA) offerings. This offering “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING,” has been in existence since 1949. Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this offering to share God’s love with those in need. Our generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry and assists in empowering the poor and oppressed. The three programs supported by this offering are 1)Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 2)Presbyterian Hunger Program and 3) Self-Development of People. There will be more specific information in our bulletins. Thank you for your generosity.

Preschool Particulars for March

Welcome to March Madness!!! But not to worry, the ball is in our court!!! Registration for the 2013-2014 is going strong with only a few openings left! Please help us spread the word about our wonderful program!! Parents Night Out is gearing up for Friday, March 1st, 6-8:30 and is open to all LPC members and LPCP students and siblings. Proceeds go to support Team Shawn and support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!



March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2/24 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Church School 9:45	2/25	2/26	2/27 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30	2/28	1 LPCP Parents' Night Out 6:00	2
3 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Church School 9:45 Youth Group 5:30	4	5 Deacons 7:00	6 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30 Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles 7:30	7 Circle One 10:00	8 Book Club 9:30	9
10 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Church School 9:45 Youth Group 5:30	11 Preschool Board 7:00 M&W Ctte 7:00	12 Moms Alive! 9:00 E&M Ctte 7:00 Worship Ctte 7:30	13 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30	14	15	16
17 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Church School 9:45 Youth Group 5:30	18 Monday Morning Stitchers 11:00	19 Session 7:30	20 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Church School 9:45	25	26 Christian Ed Ctte 7:30	27 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30	28 Maundy Thursday Tennabrae Service 7:30	29 Good Friday	30
31 EASTER Sunrise Service 6:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Easter Breakfast 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00	4/1 Office Closed	4/2 Deacons 7:00	4/3 Bible Study 10:00 Choir Practice 7:30 Emma Clemens/Ruth Circles 7:30	4/4 Circle One 10:00	4/5	4/6

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Church School	9:45 a.m.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter by emailing office@lpcva.org!

OUR CHURCH ELDERS: Jim Barnes—Clerk of Session, Stuart Brown, Chris Folk, Trish Fraker, Frank Gasperini, Tom Gurney, Randy Jackson, Keith Markel, Pam Poisson, Steve Potter, Holly Rhodes, Kathi Stone, and Doug Sweeney.

DEACONS: Glenna Bingham, Tom Chase, Sandy Gasperini, Kim Goldstein, Carla Holland, Babe McGuire, Kristen Moats, Connie Niccolls, Florence O'Hey, Sharon Schmidt, Nancy Vanzandt, and Dennis Welsh.